

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  CITY OF LORIMOR	DOCKET NO. P-852
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**ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER**

(Issued April 9, 2004)

On February 3, 2003, the City of Lorimor (Lorimor) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a permit for an existing natural gas pipeline in Madison County and Union County, Iowa. The 4.25 miles of 2-inch diameter natural gas pipeline was constructed in 1971 and carries gas from a connection with Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America to Lorimor town border station. The pipeline has a maximum operating pressure of 150 psig.

Board staff reviewed the petition and notified Lorimor of deficiencies in the petition by letters dated March 3, July 9, September 25, October 24, and December 4, 2003. On August 4, October 23, and October 29, 2003, and January 14, 2004, Lorimor filed revisions to the petition and provided additional information. Board staff filed a route inspection report on May 28, 2003, and a safety compliance inspection in July 2003. Board staff also filed a report concerning the pipeline petition and route on April 1, 2004.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2003) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board finds that the petition, as revised, sufficiently meets the Board's filing requirements and the Board will assign Docket No. P-852 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Docket No. P-852 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.